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I think that the original motives of DOJ in bringing the lawsuit were misplaced. Fear it was punishment, because Microsoft no longer wanted to "cooperate" with other US agencies demands for access to systems.

Microsoft writes good software, but some of the things that the systems "enable" are regularly abused by third party software. This is why the OS is always locking up.

Financially punitive remedies will solve nothing. This said, "It would be a mistake to allow Microsoft to continue to extend the standards to insure incompatibility with all other OS's". This practice cost the government and consumers far too much, and contributes little new value. Please, bias this settlement to focus open standards and on building a better mouse trap, not another marketing scam.

Settle this thing, and get on with business.

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